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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY

YEARLY MEETING of the Society will

be held at its HEAD OFFICE, No. 2

Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY,

the 23rd April, 1908, at Noon, for

the purpose of receiving the Report of

the Directors together with the State-

ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1907,

and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society

will be CLOSED from 13th April

to the 23rd April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, March 25, 1908.

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THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

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MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the

above Company will be held at the HEAD

OFFICE, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hong-

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1908, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the Directors

together with the Statement of Accounts to

31st December, 1907, and of declaring

Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from the 9th to

23rd April, both days inclusive.

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SHUT DOOR IN MANCHURIA.

Surprise for London Firm of

Contractors.

Recent reports of Japanese activity in

Manchuria would point to the fact that not

only is Japan bent on dominating China

politically, but is also determined to exploit

Manchuria commercially to the exclusion

of all rivals. And this is in defiance of the

most definite international undertakings.

To understand the position clearly it is

necessary to refer to three treaties, all

ratified in 1905. At the termination of the

war Japan and Russia reciprocally

engaged, in the terms of peace not to

obstruct any general measures common to

all countries which China might take for

the development of the commerce and

industry of Manchuria. It was generally

accepted as a pledge that China should

have a free hand in the building of railways

in that vast and fertile territory.

The preamble of the Anglo-Japanese

Treaty laid down the preservation of the

common interests of all the Powers in

China by insuring the independence and

integrity of the Chinese Empire and the

principle of equal opportunities for the

commerce and industry of all nations in

China; while by the treaty between China

and Japan, signed in December of the same

year, the contracting parties agreed to

make arrangements as soon as possible for

connecting the service of railways in South

Manchuria and those in China proper "in

order to promote and facilitate the com-

munications and the transport of goods."

So far all is plain sailing. The Chinese

Government was to be allowed to enter

into whatever commercial contracts for the

development of the country seemed good

to her, while the business agents of the

various nations having interests in China

were to be treated on an equal footing.

SECRET UNDERSTANDING.

It is common knowledge that in April

1906 a secret understanding was arrived at

between China and Japan by which the

Chinese engaged not to construct prior to

the recovery by them of the South Man-

churian Railway, fifteen years hence, any

main line that would enter into competition

with the South Manchurian Railway, or

any branch line that would divert traffic

from it.

The real object of the secret agreement

has recently been made plain. The object

is not to prevent the building of a railway

that may possibly compete with the South

Manchurian Line, but to ensure that no

main line of any kind shall be constructed

in Manchuria without her special sanction

and approval. This power of veto has

already been put into force.

The Chinese Imperial Railway from

Peking north-east to Manchuria now ends

at Hsinmintun. This is only thirty-five

miles from Mukden, which is due east.

Mukden is about the centre of the Japanese

South Manchurian Line, and it is highly

important that it should be linked up with

the Peking line.

In pursuance of its open treaty obliga-

tions with Japan "to promote and facilitate

the communications and transport of

goods" and "for connecting the services

of railways in South Manchuria and those

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Banking Corporation, to BARBARA DAWSON
HUNTER, daughter of the late John Ranson
Hunter, of Inverness, and sister of Mr.
E. R. Hunter of the Hongkong & Shanghai
Banking Corporation.On April 2nd, at the Cathedral, Captain
RANKING, R.A.M.C., eldest son of John
Ranking, M.D., Tunbridge Wells, Kent,
to ALICE RUTTI, third daughter of John
Allaway, Cullis.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. Hobbs beg to return her heartfelt
thanks to all those who sent Floral Tri-
butes and for the kind expressions of
sympathy received by her in her sad
bereavement.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's
Sales Rooms.

Miscellaneous.

Fancy Dress Ball, held by Scottish Ma-
sonic Association.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, April 4:—
9 p.m.—First Meeting of Hongkong
Gymkhana Club, at Happy Valley.
9 p.m.—Grand Variety Concert in City
Hall.MONDAY, April 6:—
Goods per *Aranda Behn* unclaimed after
this date at Noon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.TUESDAY, April 7:—
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's
Cathedral.THURSDAY, April 9:—
Transfer Books of Union Insurance So-
ciety of Canton, Ltd., close from this
date to 23rd April, inclusive.
Transfer Books of China Traders' In-
surance Co., Ltd., close from this date to
23rd April, inclusive.SATURDAY, April 11:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at No. 4, Victoria View,
Kowloon.MONDAY, April 13:—
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

NOTICE.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1908.

SIR JOHN JORDAN.

THAT Sir John Jordan is not visiting
Hongkong purely for the benefit of his
health is a fairly safe assumption.There are matters which have been
occupying the attention of Peking and
Hongkong which necessitate an inter-
change of views between the Minister
and the Governor. The most impor-
tant of these matters is the Opium
Trade. If a reduction in the trade in
opium is carried out the revenue of
this Colony must suffer very materi-
ally. We do not claim that this fact
should operate to restrain the Imperial
Government from proceeding on the
lines of policy it has deliberately
adopted. But the Colony is within its
rights in asking that, in carrying out
that policy, as much consideration as
possible should be shown to those who
are forced by circumstance to bear the
consequences. Sources of revenue in a
Colony such as this are few. It is
essential to the well-being of Hong-
kong that there should be as few
imposts upon trade and shipping as
possible. In no other part of His Ma-
jesty's dominions is prosperity so
directly dependent upon freedom of
trade. Some of the crises which
overtaken Hongkong in bygone days
were due to the Governors failing torealise that any shackling of trade by
the imposition of duties or by oppres-
sive regulations was inviting disaster.
Some means will have to be found of
making up the deficit which will be
caused in our revenue by the loss of
the returns from opium. No doubt
this subject will have been discussed
by Their Excellencies and the public
will hope that some satisfactory result
will be made manifest at the proper
time. Another pressing matter, hard-
ly of less importance than that of the
opium revenue, is the currency prob-
lem. Sir John Jordan has, as is well
known, been endeavouring to persuade
China to carry out the engagement
given in the Mackay Treaty to re-
form her currency. Up to the present
time those endeavours have not been
crowned with success. While most of
the high Chinese officials admit that
the currency of the country is in a
most deplorable condition they shrink
from grappling with a problem which
presents undoubted difficulties. At
the present time it is evidently thought
inadvisable to bring any heavy pres-
sure to bear upon China in order to
compel her to honour her promises.There are doubtless good reasons for
this restraint. It would certainly be
inadvisable to jeopardise some greater
gain by undue impatience in endeav-
ouring to secure the fulfilment of a
promise which from the Imperial
standpoint, is no doubt considered to
be of minor importance. But it is
only of minor importance comparatively,
its actual importance to a trading
country like Great Britain being self-
evident. It may be that the Minister
and the Governor will arrive at some
agreement as to the best method of
solving the difficult currency problem,
and in any event no harm can be done
by the British Minister learning at first
hand how seriously the interests of the
Colony have suffered from the incursion
of Chinese subsidiary coins. No im-
mediate benefit may result from His
Excellency's visit, but we are convinced
that situated as Hongkong is it is a
desirable thing that the gentleman who
represents His Majesty in China should
occasionally exchange views with His
Majesty's representative in Hongkong.Unlike most other Colonies our future
is almost as much dependent upon the
Foreign Office as upon the Colonial
Office. Apart altogether from the ma-
terial advantages which may result from
the visit the Colony is glad of the
opportunity to welcome a gentleman
who has inspired the trust and confi-
dence of the Imperial authorities that
he has been chosen to fill one of the
most difficult positions in our diplomatic
service.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir John Jordan and Mr. Mayers left for
Canton this morning.Dr. and Mrs. Bates on Wright leave the
Colony on holiday on the 8th instant.
They go to England.Mr. E. A. Irving, Inspector of Schools,
and Mr. G. H. Wakeman returned to the
Colony to-day from Home by the Hitachi
Maru.His Excellency Sir Hedworth Lampton
called on His Excellency Sir John Jordan
at Government House yesterday, and Sir
John Jordan returned the call on board
the King Alfred later.The closing social and business meeting
of the Union Church Literary Club, will
be held this evening in the Lecture Room,
Kennedy Road, at 9 p.m. sharp. Several
members have consented to sing, and
during the evening the election of officers
and a new committee will take place.

THE PEKING FIRE.

The destruction by fire of the Industrial
Exhibition at Peking, which was reported in
our telegraph columns, resulted in the loss
of eight lives. The damage is estimated at
about 3,450,000, of which only 200,000
is covered by insurance.ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN IN THE
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

King Alfonso has given Prince Kuni a
Toledo sword to present to the Emperor of
Japan.The volcano Yakegake in Gifu pre-
fecture, Japan, has been active since
March 8.Official sanction has been obtained by
the Tokyo Municipal Council for the
expenditure of 33 million yen on drainage
operations.A French bluejacket was fined \$2 at
the Magistracy to-day for creating a dis-
turbance in Ship Street, and assaulting a
policeman.The "Asahi" attributes the boycott in
Canton to "some German and American
merchants." Such a charge is as ridiculous
as it is false.Eight hundred Koreans at Hungchun
have become naturalized Chinese. It is
reported that other applications for natural-
ization are to follow.A St. Petersburg cable states that the
Budget Committee of the Duma has
passed the Bill authorizing an expenditure
of 12,500,000 roubles for the construction
of the Amur Railway.From our Peking correspondent, says
the "China Echo," we learn that several
soldiers of various nationalities have been
arrested on charges of looting native shops
and a temple after the fire.It is stated in a Tokyo message that
"1907 Japanese gunboats will leave
China on April 5 for Korea. Of this force
500 will be sent to Chosen, the remainder
being apportioned to Chemulpo, Gensan,
Sikokan and Shinkai."More than fifteen thousand healmen
of towns and villages were recently de-
corated with the Order of the Rising Sun
and the Sixth Class of the Order of Merit,
in recognition of their services to the
country in the course of the war.The Mixed Court at Shanghai was
lavished on March 26 by 500 or 300
women, mill-hands who had had a dispute
with their employer. The magistrate, Mr.
Wang, promising to interest himself on
their behalf the women raised the siege.Strange expedients are adopted by
some papers to increase their circulation.
The "Strait Echo" is running a "Popular
Man" competition. We note that a Chinese
ladder with 2,284 votes, another Chinese is
runner up with 1,704 and that a foreigner
is third with 171.That the Minister of Foreign Affairs
should resign in consequence of Japan
being "seriously compromised" by the
result of the Tatsu Maru II negotiations is
the opinion of the "Mainichi." Our Tokyo
contemporary thinks that China was let
down too lightly.At the Legislative Council meeting
to-day a Bill was introduced "to enable
foreign corporations to acquire and hold
land in the Colony." Doubts having arisen
as to whether foreign corporations are
entitled to hold land in the Colony the
Bill is designed to remove those doubts.Acting on instructions from the
Chinese Ministry of Finance the various
viceroys and governors have ordered their
respective subordinates to make a detailed
report within six months of the amount
of the consumption of both the foreign
imported opium and that produced locally.Although Government House is sup-
posed to be the leading establishment in
the Colony it has passed through many
summers without electric fans. The
stately and slow-moving punkahs have
always done duty. But this year they go.
The Finance Committee to-day voted
\$4,400 for fans.The two men (one a district watch-
man and the other a boy once employed by
Mr. Justice Gompertz) arrested for break-
ing into the Treasury and stealing property
belonging to a sheriff, were to-day before
the Magistrate. They pleaded guilty and
were sentenced to six months' imprison-
ment and four hours' strokes.Later reports of the great fire at Peking
state that a pair of vases valued at \$15,
000, and a Chinese table and four chairs
estimated at about \$7,000 were said to
have been destroyed. These are only two
items of a numberless variety of valuables
that fell a prey to the flames. Trifles were
saved, but the bulk of the Exhibition was
lost, uninsured. The native fire brigade
was apparently worse than useless.King Peter of Servia has insured his
life for \$200,000 in a New York company.
King Peter will be 64 years old on June
29 next. He succeeded to the Serbian
throne on the assassination of King
Alexander in June, 1903, was proclaimed
King by the army on June 11, was elected
King by the Skupstina on June 16, and
assumed royal rights and duties on June
25, 1903. Since then he has lived in the
midst of feuds and conspiracies.THE MAN WITH A PALM-
LEAF FAN.

Blackmailing B. and S.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 1.

Following is a translation of the letter
addressed to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire
by a bandit leader demanding payment
under threat:To Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Gentle-
men: Because we have important busi-
ness to attend to, we ask you to assist us
by paying \$10,000 for cost of provisions.
We are in urgent need of the money. On
the 28th day of the second moon our man
with a palm leaf fan at the wharf where the
Man On Junk lies, will be waiting for it.
If you delay in paying, don't say that you
have received no warning and you are
warned against the disclosure of the con-
tents of this letter as well as anything con-
cerning the payment.(Signed) Two Sen,
Two Loong,
Lau Wood Chuan,
All of Nam Hoi District.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The High Court of Appeal in England
has decided that a married man's promise
to marry on his wife's death is void.Because his wife persists in keeping
eight cats in his house a New York man
named White is filing petitions for a divorce.On the morning of March 16, a fire,
broke out in the Asahigawa Railway
Station (Hokkaido, Japan), destroying the
building.King Edward on Feb. 27 personally in-
vested two miners, Francis Chandler and
Henry Everson, with the Edward Medal
for gallantry.In the Chamber at Rome the Socialists'
motion proposing the complete abolition of
religious teaching in the school was re-
jected by 339 against 102.Owing to slow working of the Indian
Government's lines, telegrams exchanged
with India, and with Europe, via Eastern,
are at present subject to delay.Many of the Chinese in Japan who
have been registered as Japanese subjects
are reported to have asked that their names
should be erased from the register.The density of the fog outside is
demonstrated by the fact that the steamer
Glenlogie passed Gap Rock on March 31
and had to anchor until 8.30 a.m. to-day.The Pacific Mail Steamship Company
forward a copy of their Official Shipper's
Guide. To the traveller and commercial
man the book should be found very useful.The principle governing modern
diplomacy is sincerity alone and underhand
tricks are out of the question.—Baron
Takahira, Japanese Ambassador at Wash-
ington.Speaking in the Duma, M. Miloff,
Leader of the Left, said that it was notorious
that Japan had inaugurated the policy of
the closed door in Manchuria and that her
attitude was distinctly aggressive.A goods train laden with matches was
derailed near Aomori, Japan, and eight
cars and the locomotive were capsized into
deep snow. Fire broke out and the whole
train was destroyed. One man was killed.During the trouble at Hayti the Cap-
tain of H. M. S. Indefatigable compelled
the President to apologise for an insult
offered to a British consular officer by
firing his guns on the presidential
residence.The P. and O. mail steamer *Dorvanha*
arrived to-day with the English mail. The
Mongolia, which connected with the
Dorvanha at Colombo arrived at Marseilles
from London with a fire in her hold. A
quantity of passengers' luggage was dam-
aged.A caravan of gipsies has been stuck
on the Franco-Belgian frontier since
October last, unable to go backwards or
forwards. When the caravan reached the
frontier the French gendarmes refused to
allow it to advance, and the Belgian
gendarmes were equally firm in their
refusal to permit it to return. The caravan
is guarded night and day.The authorities of the Japanese To-
kyo Monopoly office have searched the
houses of some prominent residents in
Banten-dori, Yokohama, and seized several
lots of foreign tobacco which bear no stamp
of the office. It is said that the tobacco
had been smuggled by a foreigner and was
distributed among the Japanese at a
specially low price. Similar cases are being
reported in Yokohama at present.The case in which the Kwong Tak
Hong firm of 125 Des Voeux Road West
claimed \$4320 from the Yuen On Marine
and Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., was con-
cluded to-day, judgment being delivered
for plaintiffs. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock,
K. C. (instructed by Mr. Denny, of Messrs.
Denny and Bowley), appeared for the
plaintiffs, and Mr. M. Slade (instructed by
Mr. O. D. Thomson) for the defendants.
Mr. Slade gave notice of appeal.

THE CHIENTAO QUESTION.

Present Situation.

It is stated that the Japanese authorities
have decided to maintain the status quo in
Chientao by augmenting the existing force
of gendarmes there against the reinforce-
ment of Chinese troops sent to the territory.
According to a message received by the
"Asahi" from Seoul, thousands of Koreans,
have settled on an extensive tract of land
on the boundary of Korea and China, near
Chientao, being engaged in the agricultural
industry, and in view of the arrival of troops
they have applied to the Korean Govern-
ment for protection. These stories of the
augmenting of troops at the Korean-Chi-
nese border are somewhat ominous. It
was over a question of the number of troops
to be maintained in Korea that China and
Japan went to war in 1894.

A SHANGHAI TRIAL.

AN EMBEZZLER FOUND
GUILTY.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, April 2.

Edwards, of Messrs. Hall and Holtz,
after three days trial, was to-day found
guilty of embezzlement.

Sentence was postponed.

OUR SHIPPING.

The Harbour Master's report for 1907
was laid on the table at the Legislative
Council to-day. There is ground for satis-
faction in the fact that the total of the
shipping entering and clearing at ports in
the Colony during the year 1907 shows an
increase of 77,908 vessels of 2,281,042 tons
when compared with the corresponding
figures for 1906. The greater part of this
is due to internal traffic—"steamships"
not exceeding 60 tons plying within the
waters of the Colony—but even if the local
trade be eliminated, the remain-
ing figures show the respectable
increase of 3,110 vessels of 579,814 tons.
The total number of arrivals, in foreign
trade was 23,822 ships of 11,612,303 tons,
and departures totalled 23,838 ships ag-
gregating 11,620,888 tons. British ocean-
going vessels represented 31.4 per cent.
of this amount, as against 33.5
foreign ocean going vessels. British river
steamers accounted for 50.1 per cent.
as against 3.2 per cent foreign river
steamers. These figures, it must be
borne in mind, do not include the Star
Ferry Company's vessels, private steam
launches or fishing junks. There is a
general falling off in all flags except those
of Great Britain and Japan. The increase
over 1906 under the head of Japanese
shipping is 455 of 978,400 tons, while
British shipping has increased by 60 ships
of 26,698 tons. British ocean-going tonnage
aggregated 3,583,510 against Germany's
1,246,053, Japan's 1,120,517, France's
204,461, China's 267,789, Norway's 265,728
and America's 251,590. These figures
speak volumes for the strength of Britain's
mercantile marine.

LADIES' RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Annual Shooting.

To-day the annual meeting of the Ladies'
Rifle Association commenced at the ranges
near the Ladies' Recreation Club.

The scores are as follows:—

75 YDS. SHOOT.

Miss Hooper 29
Miss L. G. Bird 29
Miss Seth 29
Miss P. Seth 28
Miss M. Loureiro 27
Mrs D. Macdonald 26
Mrs Sutherland 25
Mrs Horsfall 25
Mrs Aubrey Thompson 25
Mrs Kewick 23
Mrs Lanzus 23
Miss Siebs 20
Mrs Clothier 19
Mrs David 18
Miss Chapman 18
Miss Hooper 1st Prize
Mrs L. G. Bird 2nd Prize

75 YDS. HANDICAP (COMP. 2)

Miss Horsfall 34
Miss M. Loureiro 31
Mrs Sutherland 30
Miss Hooper 29
Miss Molloy 29
Miss Chapman 29
Mrs L. G. Bird 28
Mrs Kewick 28
Mrs Lanzus 27
Mrs Macdonald 26
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Miss Thompson 23
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Mrs D. Macdonald 17
Mrs A. Chapman 14

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Present Situation.

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FIRE AT CANTON

(From Our Correspondent.)

A great conflagration took place here yesterday at Yau Lan Moon resulting in the destruction of fourteen houses. The fire started in the Kwong Sang firm. The firm dealt in ground-nuts and owing to the nature of the goods the flames spread very rapidly, igniting the premises of the oil firms which were close at hand on the right side. The alarm was given at 8 o'clock at night and although district firemen arrived it was not until 9 o'clock the next morning that the destructive element was got under control, and the ruined heap of debris is still smouldering. No loss of life is reported, but the amount of damage, which is yet unascertainable, must be very heavy.

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MURDER.

**Bad State of Affairs in
Kwangtung.**

(From Our Correspondent.)

SUNSHINE, March 28.

Kidnapping, robbery, murder and black-massing reign here and are of even more frequent occurrence in Yanning district, which is not far away from here. In the "Five Blessings Village" ten families were robbed the other day. The villagers are helpless and the local officials are more so. Two heads of families were done to death by the robbers, and no steps are being taken by the officials. The robbers

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are helpless and the local officials are more so. Two heads of families were done to death by the robbers, and no steps are being taken by the officials. The robbers were all armed with modern rifles and perhaps because of this the police officials did not care to meet them. One M.A. was kidnapped in another village and unless a handsome sum is paid he is not likely to be liberated, and if he is released at all he will be deposited at the door of his own house on some quiet night—a corpse, as this has been known to be the case with others who had the misfortune to be marched away, and who refused or could not afford to pay what was demanded.

At Yang Chun market a robbery took place in broad daylight and looted articles

1000 per day apply on

in the presence of the public, who do not care to interfere for fear of revenge.

In Twin Shaks Tung, shops received threatening letters demanding payment of money according to the standing of the shopkeepers. The unfortunate shopmen are entirely at the mercy of the robbers and they have no one to whom to complain, and even if they do, the officials with only a cluster of ill-armed braves would not be able to get redress.

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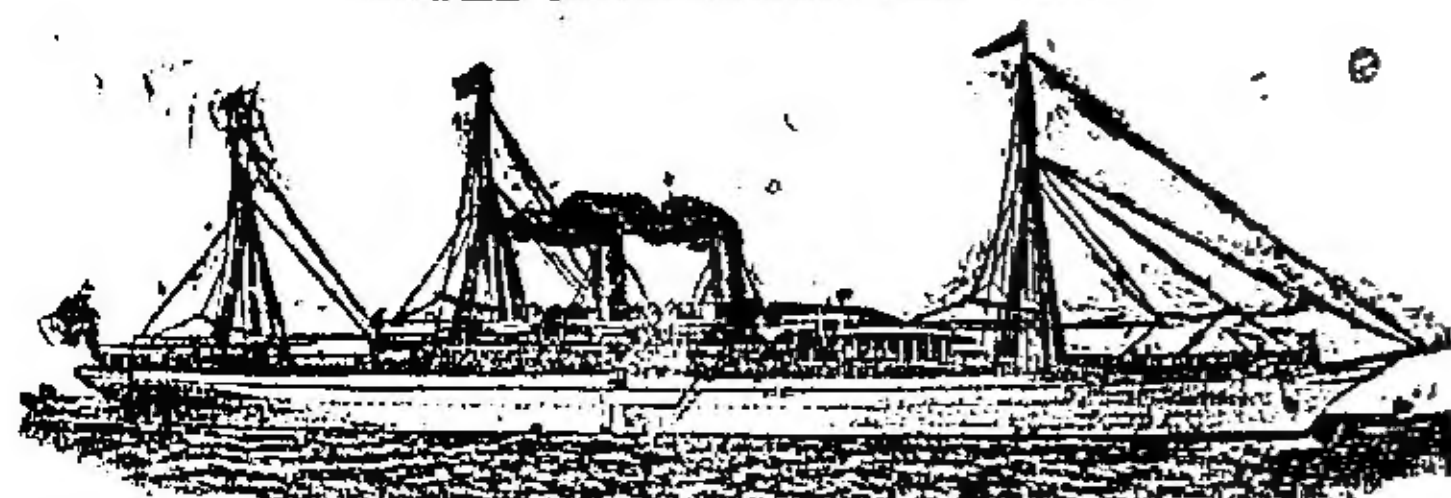
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LONDON, via USUAL PORTS	DE LHI	Noon, 4th April	See Special Advertisement.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via S'FORE, PANAMA, COLON & PORT SAID	BORNEO	About 8th April	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE (JAPAN) and YOKOHAMA	Capt. T. DENNY, R.N.R.	About 11th April	Freight and Passage.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS. (Subject to Alteration.)

R.M.S.	LEAVE HONGKONG	ARRIVE VANCOUVER
EMPIRE OF INDIA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, April 27, 1903.
EMPIRE OF JAPAN	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, May 14, 1903.
EMPIRE OF CHINA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, May 21, 1903.
EMPIRE OF INDIA	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, May 28, 1903.
EMPIRE OF JAPAN	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, June 4, 1903.
EMPIRE OF CHINA	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, June 11, 1903.
EMPIRE OF INDIA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, June 18, 1903.
EMPIRE OF JAPAN	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, June 25, 1903.
EMPIRE OF CHINA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, July 2, 1903.

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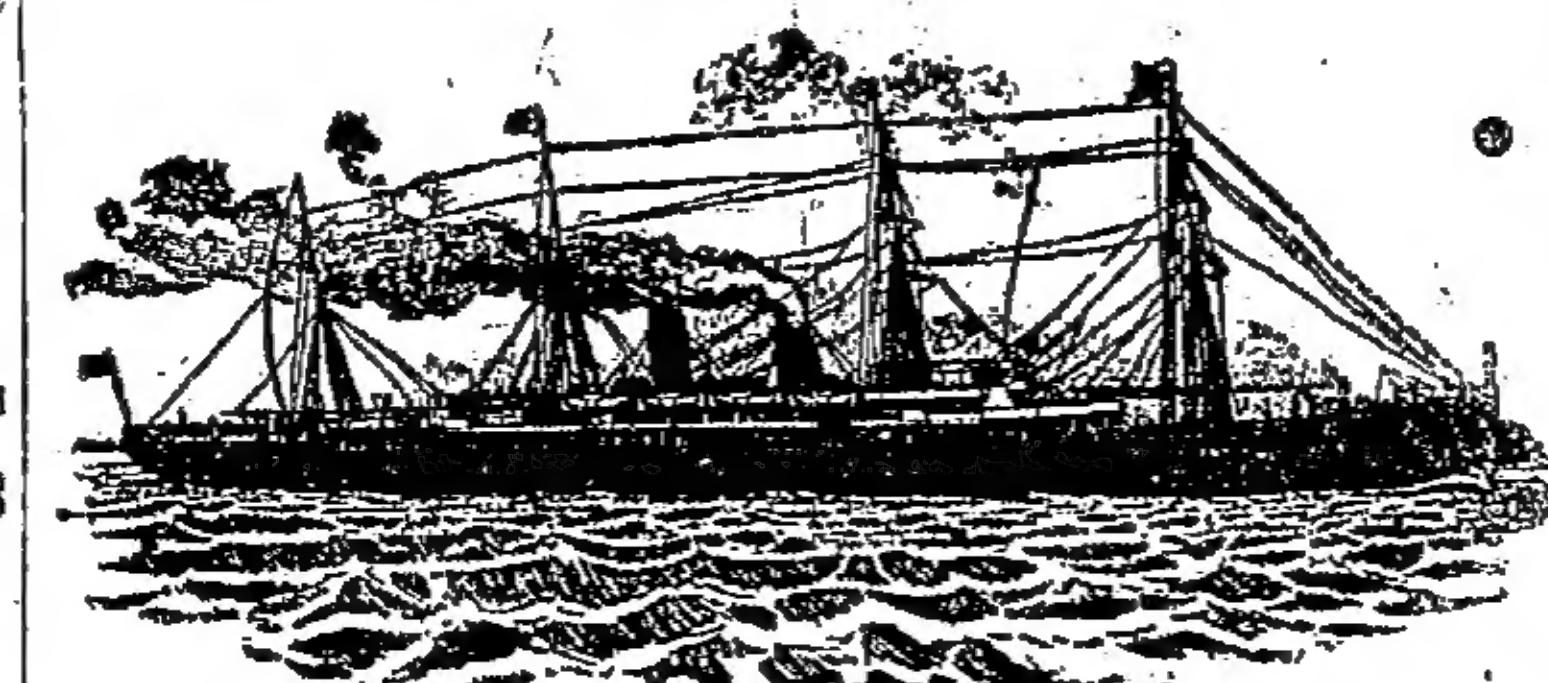
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1903.
KOREA	18,000 Tons. FRIDAY, 3rd April, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU	11,000 " SATURDAY, 11th April, at Noon.
SIBERIA	18,000 " SATURDAY, 18th April, at Noon.
CHINA	10,000 " SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
MANCHURIA	27,000 " SATURDAY, 2nd May, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU	11,000 " SATURDAY, 9th May, at Noon.
ASIA	9,000 " SATURDAY, 16th May, at Noon.
MONGOLIA	27,000 " SATURDAY, 23rd May, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000 " TUESDAY, 2nd June, at Noon.

* Twin Screw.

Yokohama to San Francisco, via KOREA, 18,000 tons, September 18-27th 1903; 10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes.

San Francisco to Honolulu, via SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, August 10th-20th, 1903; 4 days, 19 hours.

San Francisco to Yokohama, via SIBERIA, calling at Midway Islands and Honolulu en-route, August 16th-31st, 1903, 15 days, 13 hours.

Yokohama to San Francisco, via SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, Oct. 13th to 23rd, 1903; 10 days, 10 hours and 25 minutes.

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